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**UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee on Foreign Relations**

The Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee will begin a series of executive hearings on United States policies and programs in Brazil May 4, Senator Frank Church (D-Idaho), Chairman of the Subcommittee, announced today.

"The purpose of the hearings," Senator Church said, "is to review the activities of the United States Government in Brazil, the policies on which those activities are based, and the degree to which they serve or fail to serve the national interest. The record of the hearings will be published after deletion of national security information."

Witnesses will include U.S. Ambassador William M. Rountree and members of his staff and country team. It is anticipated that the hearings will continue on May 5 and 11.

Besides Senator Church, other members of the Subcommittee are: John Sparkman (D-Alabama), Mike Mansfield (D-Montana), Edmund S. Muskie (D-Maine), William B. Spong, Jr. (D-Virginia), George D. Aiken (R-Vermont), Clifford P. Case (R-New Jersey), Jacob K. Javits (R-New York), and J. W. Fulbright (D-Arkansas), ex officio as Chairman of the full Committee.

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Wednesday - 21 April 1971

1. (Confidential - JMM) David Abshire, Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations, called to apologize for not having moved faster to set up a meeting with Chairman Mahon, House Appropriations Committee, regarding our Radios. He explained his office had been completely tied up in the refugee problem stirred up by Representative Paul McCloskey, but he would move as soon as possible, and agreed to try to set up a meeting for Friday, 23 April.

In response to my question about how State was handling Senator McGovern's letter to State and CIA about the U.S. involvement in drug traffic in Southeast Asia, Mr. Abshire said that he was not up on this and Mr. Jack Leahy, of his office, was handling it and would get in touch with me.

Later in the morning, Mr. Abshire's secretary called to say that the meeting with Chairman Mahon had been set for 10:00 on Friday, 23 April 1971. Mr. Cord Meyer, who will accompany Mr. Abshire and me, has been notified.

25X1A 2. (Confidential - JMM) Called Mr. Pat Holt, Senate Foreign Relations Committee staff, to say that unfortunately we were afraid we couldn't respond to the request of Senator Frank Church's Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere Affairs by bringing [ ] to appear before the Subcommittee. I said as an alternative we would like to get their questions which we could pass on to [ ] and get his response which could be cranked into the Director's briefing. I said [ ] and I would like to meet with Holt in the next day or two to get these questions and review just what it is the Subcommittee is interested in. We agreed on 10:30 Monday, 26 April for this purpose. I confirmed that the Director would be available to appear before the Subcommittee on Wednesday, 5 May at 10:00 a. m.

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3. (Confidential - JMM) Received a call from Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who said Chairman Hebert and Representative Leslie Arends would like to meet with Agency and Defense representatives at 3:45 p. m. today to discuss "budget problems." I later received a call from Mr. Hebert's office on the same matter and said that John Clarke, D/PPB, and I would attend. See Memo for Record for details.

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